



# Western Mora Soil & Water Conservation District



## 2023-2024 Report of Accomplishments

Western Mora SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff operate all conservation programs under the principles of transparency, integrity, and accountability. We believe that this is essential to maintain public trust.

### Program Summary

#### Acequia Assistance Cost-Share Program

- Program still active, however no applicants this year due to encouragement of EWP acequia funding opportunities.

#### Equipment

- The district currently owns a John Deere tractor, discs, plow, skid-steer, chipper, no till drill, reg-drill, auger, brush hog, ditcher, broadcaster/fertilizer spreader and rotary tiller. The district rents out the equipment assisting producers with prepping fields, planting, and everyday farming/ranching and erosion control.
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- The district rents a 420 07A CAT Backhoe Loader that will be rented out for projects for post fire rehabilitation as well as erosion control and watershed maintenance.
- The district rents a two-wheel tractor with a rear tire tiller for smaller projects/gardens; allowing us to assist a smaller demographic of farmers.

#### Federal & State Funding

- \$19,000+ from State sources
- Capital Outlay Funding FY23/24
  - \$150,000-plan/design/construct/improve/furnish & equip current building
  - Through NMEDD
    - \$200,000-operations and instructional materials for acequia youth education program
- \$66,000+ for lease agreement for NRCS

#### Local Funding

- \$85,000+ from Mill Levy

#### Working with the Community

- Co-sponsorship Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire
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- Mora/San Miguel Long Term Recovery Group-Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire
- Continuous collaboration with all state/federal/local/private entities regarding Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire
- Educational outreach for local contractors
- Envirothon regional participation/sponsorship
- Healthy Soil Sponsorship for individual project
- Collaboration with NM State Forestry issuing wood permits